

Unusual Gestures

Lorraine Tuck

21 September – 12 November 2023

Irish artist Lorraine Tuck's newly commissioned work tells the story of a family living with autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability. Tuck is the mother of four children, two boys and two girls. The boys have autism spectrum disorder, which in the case of the youngest, is coupled with severe intellectual disability.

At its heart, this work is about love more than autism or disability. Transcending a documentary or issue-based record, Lorraine Tuck's photographs are a beautiful and clear-eyed call for acceptance and inclusion.

Curated and produced by Photo Museum Ireland this intensely moving and emotionally powerful body of work has been supported by The Arts Council.

The exhibition had its world premiere in at Galway International Arts Festival in 2023 and will tour to the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny, Roscommon Arts Centre and other venues throughout 2024-5.

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Gallery 1 **Unusual Gestures series**

Unusual Gestures provides insights into the far-reaching implications that neurodiversity and disability present for families. It explores the impacts - some subtle, some fundamental - on parental and sibling relationships, and charts the challenges and joys of everyday family life.

The photographs show how each individual represented in Tuck's images, neurotypical as well as neurodiverse, forms the centre of their own separate and singular world, while at the same time celebrating the intricate inter-connectness of the human family tree.



Gallery 2 **Uncle Owen - Pink**

This series focuses on the artist's uncle Owen. Born in 1972 in Connemara, Owen has Down's Syndrome and is gender fluid. At times, Owen chooses to live as a woman called 'Pink'. Owen/ Pink has collaborated with Tuck to produce a series of portraits exploring their fluid gender identity with joyful and refreshing honesty.

About the Artist

Lorraine Tuck is a photographer from Co. Galway. She studied photography at Sallynoggin College, Dublin and graduated with a BA (Hons) Documentary Photography from the University of Wales, Newport College. Since graduation, she has spent much of her time making work that has been influenced by the landscape of Connemara, exploring the unconsecrated children's burial grounds in 'Cillín/Children in Limbo', and the Connemara railway line, published in book form as 'The Whistle Blowing' (2015).

She was commissioned by The Arts Council/Photo Museum Ireland to develop Unusual Gestures. The exhibition will tour to Galway International Arts Festival, Photo Museum Ireland and Regional Cultural Centre Letterkenny (2023-24). Her work is in numerous private and public collections, including The Arts Council, Office of Public Works, and University of Galway.

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ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Launch - 21 August 2023

Tour with the Artist: 5.30 pm

Official Launch: 6.00 - 7.30pm

Guest speaker Adam Harris,
Founder & CEO *AsIAm*

Family Workshops 9 October

Lorraine Tuck will lead 2 workshops specially designed for parents of children with autism and intellectual disability, demonstrating how photography help build communication with your child.

Publication:

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue, published is available our Bookshop.

Culture Night – 22 September

Free Exhibition Tours

10 minute tours, on the hour at
6.00 - 7.00 - 8.00 - 9.00 pm

Special Artist Event

Special performance by guest artist Owen O'Malley at 10 pm

Free Lunchtime 10 Minute Tours

Join us for a free tour of the exhibition lead by a meamber of our team.
Wednesdays at 1 pm.

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EXHIBITION OPEN:

22 September – 11 November 2023

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